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Oak. Conference Gem Thoughts

Gems from Remarks of Albert E. Bowen, Visiting Apostle.

Paul said when Christ will have delivered all things unto the Father "He will have put all things under his feet". That sums up the business of life for us all—not the physical enemies, merely, but the struggle with ourseleves in the daily tasks of life—Man has the instincts of the brute,

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Albert E. Bowen

The Oakland Stake Conference was greatly edified by the sermon and presence of Elder Albert E. Bowen, one of our veteran apostles. Trained and practiced in the law, he is well-known for scholarly penetrating though plain discourses, and for his gentle, kindly demeanor. The conference came April 10 and 11, 1948.

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but the yearnings of the angel. We shall fill the purpose of life when we conquer the brute, have no longer any desire to do evil because it is debasing and ugly. That is what Paul meant by putting all things under our feet. Must take life and mould it and make it sweet and lovely.

Money we indeed need in life, but it has great limitations. In the material alone there is great disappointment and failure; not so much the great school building, but the great heart of the teacher within the building. What aspirations are budding there.

The only way we can rise above the base things is through activity. When the bishop asks you to take an assigment, do you shrink and make excuses? After all, you are the chief beneficiary, using your talents to do something. A teacher teaches himself more than he teaches others.

Brigham Young countered once that he had never suffered for the Gospel; it all had been growth and development. The saints have never suffered as much as the sinners. They had inner peace, while the enemies were lacking this. Many of our forefathers endured back-breaking toil but grew into souls of nobility, put "enemies under their feet," and rose triumphant. That's what the Church does for the people. Only through conquests, through struggle do we rise to majesty of victory.

The only way to get into the Kingdom of God is to work yourself in. Self pity is about the worst disease one can contract. Get the spindle and distaff ready and God will furnish the flax. Take your talents and put them out to usury; you are then in the process of working yourself into the Kingdom of Heaven. The Church gives us the chance to do something, to become dynamic actors. Thus we grow and put the flesh in subjection under our feet.

(From Remarks of President Angus H. Norberg)

Fear God and serve him is the full purpose of man, said Pres. George Albert Smith at General Conference, and he added, tithing helps the Church, but it helps

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New San Joaquin Stake Organized

Another baby stake for northern California was born at Stockton Sunday, April 25, 1948, and christened "San Joaquin Stake." If you want to carry out the figurative speech, I guess that you will say that the midwives at the bedside were Elders Albert E. Bowen and Harold B. Lee of the Council of Twelve.

Set apart as the stake presidency of this 171st stake of Zion were Wendell B. Mendenhall of Stockton, president, with Ernest Landward of Stockton and Albert Crandall of Tracy, counselors and Chester Mortensen of Stockton, clerk.

Members of the high council include W. Aird Macdonald of Stockton; T. Laurie Nicolaysyn of Modesto; Halvor T. Johnson of Modesto; Wallace Shumway of Stockton; Clifton A. Rooker of Stockton; Marcus A. Johnson of Turlock; Ezra A. Ricks of Stockton; J. L. Thomas of Ione and Glen C. Dana of Tracy.

The patriarch is A. A. Witt of Modesto; president of the high priests' quorum, Charles R.Dana of Tracy; superintendent of Sunday schools, Golden K. Driggs of Stockton and president of the Relief Society, Venice R. Ricks of Stockton.

The new San Joaquin stake includes the wards of Stockton, Modesto, Tracy and Turlock from the Sacramento stake; branches at Oakdale and Ione from the Northern California mission. Present at the conference were Sacramento stake president Stephen E. Busath and counselors Perry E. Tingey and Fenton R. Williams, and President German E. Ellsworth of the Northern California mission and counselors Allyn C. Sessions and John B. Hawks and their wives. Mrs. Harold B. Lee also was present, and about 800 members of the new stake out of the 2000 on the rolls from age eight and up.

Berkeley Stake Center Started

Work has commenced on the Berkeley stake storehouse at Fink Lane and San Pablo avenue in El Cerrito.

Because of the time element, ground breaking ceremonies were and it is hoped that the concrete not held. Excavation has begun foundation and basement floor can be poured this week.

Berkeley stake was awarded one of the sixty-room dormitories in Richmond on a priority basis. The stake presidency has called upon the priesthood of the stake to assist in the dismantling of the building. It is planned to use the materials, so far as possible, in the construction of the storehouse, and the materials will be stored on the site until building begins. The material that cannot be used will be made available to church members in the order that requests are received.

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Recently a cargo of 191 sacks of beans were brought down here from the Gridley area for cleaning and for use in this area. 'Tis a good project for the Aaronic priesthood of each ward to volunteer to do the job.

NAPA PURCHASES NEW CHAPEL SITE

Napa ward has purchased a 13 acre hillsite overlooking the city reservoir for future erection of their chapel. Plans are under way for a speedied move for this greatly needed structure in Napa. Part of this acreage will likely be sold for home building, it is reported.

The former site and orchard will be disposed of, and then a welfare location will be sought. Napa is growing and the new change in plans regarding the location of the future chapel provides a more advantageous setting.

Primary News

The Oakland stake Primary presented the pretty operetta, "Hansel and Gretel" to a packed house at Elmhurst chapel April 17.

By popular request, this charming little operetta will be presented again at the Oakland ward chapel, May 15 for the enjoyment of both the Oakland and Berkeley stakes. Silver offerings at the door will benefit the Oakland welfare. Berkeley members will be especially welcomed.

The operetta is done by little folks and big ones from Dimond, Maxwell Park and Oakland wards, while the between-act stunts include a puppet show by Elmhurst; a brother and sister dance from San Leandro and a skit from Hayward. The date again, is May 15; the place, Oakland chapel and the hours, 8:00 p.m.

Berkeley Stake Conference Briefs

"Add the heritage of the pioneers to the testimony of the convert and you have something that excells all else."—Emery R. Ranker.

"The cost of the first year of the Berkeley stake building budget as planned is $35,000 in cash and half that amount in labor. As of May 1st we have collected about $17,500 in cash, and little in the way of labor has been called for; yet two-thirds of the budget year has now past. Clearly speed in collecting the full $35,000 is indicated."—Wayne E. Mayhew.

"Four Berkeley stake welfare projects are currently active: (1) Pittsburg's chapel; (2) Martinez Welfare House; (3) the stake Welfare House; (4) wrecking the dormatory for welfare lumber."—Wayne E. Mayhew.

"Sometimes our public prayers are too perfunctory; and also careless in that the Lord is addressed as 'You,' instead of the more reverential and less familiar 'Thou' and 'Thee.' Best take the Lord's Prayer and the sacramental prayers as our models in this regard." W. Glenn Harmon.

"Pres. Edmund W. Sinnott of the Yale University Sheffield Scientific School, is a recent paper, "Science and the Whole Man," said that we must devote more time to the development of the spiritual and less to material side of man, adding that science itself

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BERKELEY STAKE CONFERENCE MUSIC

The music at the Berkeley stake conference was furnished beautifully by the Pittsburg choir under the masterful leadership of Harry Oakes with Anna Mae Barrus, pianist, and Mary Russell Burton, organist. Heard were "Grant Us Peace" by Stephens, "Thanks Be to God," Dickson, "The Radiant Morn," by Woodward, and "Let the Mountains Shout for Joy," by Stephens. In the first anthem the quartette was sung by Elsie Urie, Beulah Barrus, Keith Epling, and Stanley Hunt; the duet by Lafar Astle and Gloria Magleby. Mildred Gibbs sang the soprano obligato. This number was especially thrilling, and faultlessly executed, it seemed.

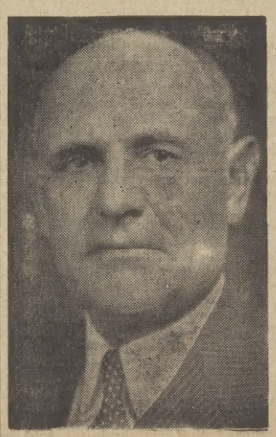
LaGrande Maxwell, of the General Music Committee ,who has been conducting classes in the six Northern California stakes for the past fifteen weeks, reports that he is well satisfied with the attendance and the results achieved.

Divided into two sections, one for organists, and one for choristers. Elder Maxwell states that the Church quota of at least 10 organists and 20 choristers in each stake's classes has been reached, and that Berkeley stake had in its classes 12 organists and 23 choristers. He expressed the hope that the stake and ward officers will now give these people opportunities to carry into practice the things they have been taught.

Great Geneological Conference Will Be Held May 16 In Berkeley

Stephen Richards

Stephen L. Richards of the Council of Twelve Apostles, who attended the Berkeley stake conference April 10, 1948, has recently come from the first tour made by one of the Twelve of the South American missions. He and Mrs.



Richards visited extensively for three months the field of labor in several centers in Brazil, Argentina, Uraguay, where 200 missionaries are laboring. "One among many problems is the illiteracy of the masses, millions of whom are simply not aware that there is such a book as the bible," stated Elder Richards as quoted in The Church News. "These countries suffer greatly because of the complete lack of a middle class. The population is divided into two groups, the landed aristocracy, who are fabulously wealthy,, and the great masses of poor workers, who are almost destitute."

Prominent Atheist Answered

"My Views on Religion," an address delivered by former Governor Culbert L. Olson before the Humanist Society of San Francisco, and now distributed in pamphlet, form, was answered in brief by Pres. W. Glenn Harmon at the Berkeley stake conference Sun-

Mr. Olson ,who was born of LDS parents in Utah, confessed that he was lacking in faith and had not read even the Bible when as a youth he decided that religion was based on "false foundations." After this it was easy to conclude that the story of the First Vision and appearances of the angel to the Prophet were "impostures by a fanatical, ambitious leader."

To this President Harmon answered that to such minds it seems logical to the doubter that because he, the doubter, has not experienced heavenly manifestations, no one has experienced them, and anyone who reported he had such actual experience.

The absurdity of such reasoning is apparent. Moroni has told the condition whereby one may come to know the truth of spiritual things, and unless one has truly followed those conditions he is in no position to affirm or to deny the reliability of them. Te bore testimony that the Holy Ghost does reveal Truth when the conditions prescribed by the author of Truth are fulfilled.

Mr. Olson claims that "the church into which I was born, baptized, and tutored . . . was perpetuated by blind faith." To this Elder Harmon countered "Is that blind faith which teaches that a man is saved no faster than he gains knowledge, that intelligence is the glory of God, which fills the soul with light and truth?"

Speaking of the natural and

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A. F. BENNETT IS COMING

Probably the man who might be called the "head man" in Church genealogical work is Bro. Bennett, holding the position of General Secretary of the Church Genealogical Society, thus being a sort of executive secretary in general charge of operations. An inspirational man, and very practical, he can answer your every question on this subject.

Meetings will be held Sunday, May 16 at 10 a.m. and at 2 p.m., in the Berkeley chapel at the corner of Vine and Walnut streets, Berkeley. The afternoon session will be for the general public especially, though all are welcome to both sessions. In the 2 p.m. meeting A. F. Bennett will speak on "New Opportunities in Research." Pres. W. Glenn Harmon on the topic, Our Dead Are Looking to Us For the Opportunity for Salvation," while Pres. Eugene Hilton will be heard on "Our Responsibility to Be Sealed Up to All Our Progenerators." ....

The 10 a.m. session is designed especially for representatives of the stake presidencies and bishoprics, all members of the stake committee and the chairman and the assistant of each ward committee.

At the morning session the following topics will be discussed:

1. Good leadership brings success.
2. Helping others with their family records and to find their forefarthers.
3. Temple problems.
4. Increasing temple attendance.
5. Organized Priesthood activity.
6. Families organized for Research.

President of Oakland Stake Genealogical Committee William H. Evans and chairman, for Berkeley Stake, Nathan G. Tolman, are sure that this convention will draw the largest attendance in our history. The near approach of the Oakland temple in our own East Bay stirs every heart in prayer for the spirit of Elijah upon us all. Come, brothers and sisters, in fasting and prayer for an outpouring of that spirit on May 16.

Our Master

(Every child in school learns to love the poet, John Greenleaf Whittier. His "Barefoot Bay," "Snow-Bound," and "Maude Muller," are in everyone's mind to stay. But few know his exquisite devotional poetry. A Quaker of blameless life he loved the Saviour with a very deep, spiritual feeling, as will be seen in his poem, "Our Master.")

Immortal Love, forever full,
Forever flowing free,
Forever shared, forever whole,
A never-ending sea!

No fable old, nor music lore,
No dead fact stranded on the shore
Nor dream of bards or seers,
Of the oblivious years.

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
A present help is He
And faith has yet its Olivet,
A love its Galilee.

Through Him the first fond prayers are said
Our lips of childhood frame.
The last whispers of our dead
Are burdened with His name.

O Lord and Master of us all!
Whate'er our name or sign
We own Thy sway, we hear Thy call,
We test our lives by Thine.

Apart from Thee all gain is loss,
All labor vainly done;
The solemn shadow of thy cross
Is better than the sun.

Alone, O Love ,ineffable!
Thy saving name is given;
To turn aside from Thee is hell,
To walk with Thee is heaven.

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"Behold. I will send my messenger, and he will prepare my way before me: and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." Mal. 3:1.

Berkeley Ward

June 1 is the deadline! Would you like to save some money? Then order your Improvement Era now before it rises to $2.50 per year. In fact, why not order it for a three year period at the regular price while you can. Contact any Gamma Rho Chi girl before June 1 for your Era.

Berkeley Ward Relief Society has invited the Claremont Ward to join them in an outing at the lovely home of Mrs. Ranker at Walnut Creek. A very pleasant and enjoyable day has been planned for all who wish to attend Tuesday, May 18.

The Berkeley Ward welcomes back home Bishop Allen upon his return from Texas where he has been for several weeks in his capacity as food chemistry expert regarding canning fruits and vegetables.

Sunday evening, May 9 will be Primary Conference at Berkeley Ward. For many week the children of Primary age have been preparing for this occasion to show to you the public just what the year has taught them in this work. The year's work review will be done by the children themselves.

The plans for the closing festival for the Primary are underway. There will be entertainment for all at this time. The children will wear costumes, there will be dancing of the Maypole, recitations and of course refreshments. The parents are invited to attend the festival with the children.

The M.I.A. marks another "successful" year at the closing Speech and Music Festival. Plans are being made now for special summer activities for people of all ages. Also, a three-act play is underway and will soon be ready for production, reports Kirke Decker. Help support your Mutual during the summer when they announce their activities. It is for your pleasure and benefit.

Within the very near future each member of Berkeley Ward is to receive a card, or will be contacted personally, for their contribution towards the welfare building program, which is underway, beginning with the Stake Welfare Center on San Pablo. The full support of the people is asked to carry on this project. There will be different shifts for the convenience of everyone to help with the labor also. If you have any questions to ask contact Mr. Scott Dunham. Going on at present is the dismantling of the old Kaiser Company dormitory in Richmond, and the excavation for the boiler in the new stake welfare structure on San Pablo avenue.

—Wanda L .Gibbs.

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Remarkable Genealogical Manifestations Retold

By ISAAC B. BALL.

This story has been told in the pages of one of our church preiodicals, but many years have passed. The story was repeated to me personally by the person most concerned not so long ago, and I have retold it since then in many of the wards of the east bay. I first heard the story at a dinner in Los Angeles at the home of Dr. Alma Ash. I shall now put it in writing at the repeated and urgent request of many who have heard this unusual series of spiritual manifestations, which make our temple work very real to us.

The occasion for the story coming to me was the birthday dinner I attended as guests of Dr. and Mrs. Alma Ash, as mentioned. At that dinner were present also three other adult guests whom I will not name. One, a man, was what we call a jack-Mormon, well to do but inactive in the Church; another was the ardent Baptist lady he had married, and the third was her unmarried daughter, also a member of the Baptist church. These ladies were neighbors and close friends of the Ashs, but had heard little of Mormonism.

As the dinner progressed Doctor Ash also progressed with a series of questions directed apparently at me and to me, but really aimed, I could see, so as to bounce over into the ears of the three other guests. The questions involved the doctrine of work for the dead, and brought out the position of the Church, and the scriptural backing in regard to this work. Finally when the desert had been served, and we sat relaxed about the table thus chatting, Sister Ash turned to me and asked, "Have I ever told you how I became converted to temple work?" Of course I answered that she had not told me this story, but that I had often wondered why she and the doctor had always been so consistent in their weekly visits to the Salt Lake temple when we all lived in Salt Lake City. I was not much interested in work for the dead at that time, and so never had accepted their many invitations to accompany them on the days they spent in the Temple. Thereupon Mrs. Ash volunteered to tell us the story provided we would all like to hear it. All heartily consenting, she proceeded.

"When I was a girl attending the LDS high school then centered around Barrett Hall in Salt Lake City, I became acquainted with Mary. Mary was not a latter-day Saint, but a staunch Presbyterian as were her parents. Stricken by a bodily condition, she was not able to reach the city high school, but could get to the L.D.S. school conveniently, and so asked permission to attend there so that she might not loose a semester of work. She soon expressed a desire to go with me to the theology classes besides her required subjects, and became so greatly interested in the Gospel as she now heard it presented that at the close of the semester she applied for baptism, and elected to complete her secondary schooling with us.

"During our first half-year at the University of Utah Mary overdid herself at the gymnasium, and died as a result. This left me very sad for we had become fast friends and loved one another very much.

"After completing the year of educational training I took a school position in Weber county returning to my home at the week ends. One night as I lay asleep at my home in Salt Lake City I had a very vivid dream. I was visited by Mary. She asked me to go into the temple and have her temple work done for her, pointing out that I was practically the only close L.D.S. girl friend she had and that I knew how important it was that she have her endowments.

"Naturally I pondered this dream, but it disturbed me greatly for the particular reason that at the time of the dream I was intending to marry a fine non-Mormon man. As I contemplated the dream and what it meant under those circumstances, I decided not to go to the temple as requested, first, because I did not think it proper to get my endowments and then to marry a man who was a non-member. Moreover, I reasoned myself into the comforting idea that perhaps the dream was not actually a visit from Mary, but just another idle phantasy. And so a few months passed by.

"But then I had another dream in which Mary again appeared to me. This time she was very serious, chiding me for neglecting so important a matter, and stating that she could not go where she should until these endowments had been performed for her, and that I was the only one she felt she could appeal to for the help needed. She solemnly urged me not to neglect this matter, because, she said, I knew how important it really was.

"Now I was really disturbed, and going down stairs for breakfast I confided the whole thing to mother, the first dream and now this more insistent one. Mother asked me what I intended to do, and when I told her of my determination still to marry the young man I was then engaged to, she agreed with me that under those circumstances it would be wrong for me to get my own endowments, which, of course, I must secure first in order then to do the work for Mary. Thus reinforced in my decision I again tried to put the whole matter out of mind.

"But whether I succeeded in forgetting it or not, apparently Mary had other ideas. For after sometime had again passed, I was again visited by Mary in another most vivid dream. In fact

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Alameda Ward

An entertaining dance and party was enjoyed by the ward as a closing event of a successful Mutual season. In our own chapel for next season is our hope. . . . May 1 a wiener roast and swimming party was participated in by the Fireside group. Very successful—though we had to travel to Hayward for it. . . .

Phil and Lorna Pearce came back "home" to visit last Sunday. We were glad to see old friends. Brother and Sister Beebe have been entertaining their parents from San Diego by a trip to Russian river and the Redwoods.

Stake Y.L.M.I.A. president, Rhea Gustaveson is confined to a hospital bed since a recent unfortunate bus accident. . . . Wayne and Maurine McKinley welcomed their first child, Dennis Wayne, April 11, 1948. . . . Alameda won third place in the stake Road Show.

This damp weather can't keep Ralph Lane and his helpers from working on the new chapel. Every evening after their full day of work they are on the job, and have already poured the cement for the basement.

Although it is difficult to tell a person from a back view, still our charming Amelia Everett is seen by the side of her husband and just back of Oscar Fontana in the Church section of the Deseret News. The picture was taken at conference where also were our bishop and his wife, Elnora Jensen and Sr. Fontana.

Howard Dunn, Reed Schow, and Ralph Lane took the boys of the Aaronic priesthood to the mountains for a snow frolic afterwards visiting the "Mother Lode" region, and spending the night in Brother Lane's cabin.

Sister Rachel Brown, who passed away April 25, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Stamps in Alameda, was with us just long enough for us to learn to love her. She came to Relief Society, Sunday School, etc., and was a happy participant in all our activities. She was an incessant worker although over eighty.

Our Relief Society has finished four of held in the homes of members; first one their quota of woven rugs for the Welfare. This month Relief Society will be at Ameria Everett's.—Mildred Morgan.

Conference Schedules

May 8-9: Palo Alto Stake.
May 22-23: Sacramento Stake.
June 5-6: San Francisco Stake.
June 26-27: Oakland Stake.
August 21-22: Gridley Stake.
August 28-29: Berkeley Stake.

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Vallejo Ward News

There is real news in Vallejo this month. Rumors which had floated around crystallized and settled into actual facts, and now Vallejo has two wards. Stake President W. Glenn Harmon and Counselors were present, and explained the need for the division, which was due to the large territory and population of Vallejo at present. Cooperation of all was asked to make a success of the two wards. The capable leaders chosen were Bishop Jack Johnson, Counselors Otto Matthews and Evan Powell, with Wallace Weirman, clerk, and Glenn Lowry, Bishop, Counselors Reed Nelson and Howard Hacking, with Russell Roper, clerk.

Bishop and Mrs. Jack Johnson spent an enjoyable vacation in southern California, later attending the Conference in Salt Lake City. Erma Zundell, Henry Neerings and Wallace Weirman accompanied them to conference. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Neilson and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hill also attended the conference. Mrs. Hill came back elated over important findings in her genealogical research. At the general conference also were Reed and Marjorie Nelson, and attended the missionary reunions. Marjorie remained in Salt Lake City visiting her parents.

The Luke Fosters are happy over the arrival of a new son, Terry, on March 20. . . . We extend our sympathies to John and Glen Zundell because of the sudden death of their father.

Noticable is the decided improvement in our Church grounds since they were leveled and planted to grass. To raise the necessary funds the priesthood groups are raising and selling vegetables to those in need of them. A good demand is expected.

An enjoyable stake high priests' meeting was conducted in Vallejo April 22 with their wives as guests. A large crowd attended, every ward being represented. Enlightening were biographies of several high priests who were present and heard themselves "biographied."

Fine samples of the MIA cultural arts talent has been seen in the fine plays, dances, and music that has been presented in Vallejo during the last few weeks. Plans are underway for continuous summer activities to which all will be invited for pleasure and friendship.

—LaRue A. Powell.

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Oakland Stake News

WELFARE PROGRAM

The boiler for the cannery has arrived at the welfare center. The old garages and sheds have been taken down. All is ready for the new two-story construction which will house the cannery, the storage rooms and the wood working rooms for the priesthood projects in furniture repairing and new work at Stake Welfare Center.

Some ladies are coming each day to work at rug weaving for the budget, using the stake loom. The land at welfare center has been plowed and readied for planting new gardens.

At the stake farm, the house is very nearly ready for occupancy by the families that will take charge of operations there. However, there still is time for any one to apply for one of the apartments and care for the poultry project to be started soon. The 152 foot driven well with its ten inch casing is now ready for the test run. The water stands at 12 feet from the top. Pumps have not been available due to the water shortage in the state and the consequent heavy demand for pumps by many farmers over the state. Thirty-one new apricot trees have been set out.

Ruth Hilton, regional director of the Relief Society welfare work states that at the recent regional meeting at Stockton, Apostle Lee stressed the oft-repeated but often forgotten Church position regarding buying at the store readymade things instead of making them for the budget. The point is that even though we could buy them for the same price that it costs to make them—or even a trifle less, perhaps—still one of the prime purposes of the Welfare work is to train our people to produce things themselves so that in time of need we can be self-supporting. If we buy them we do not learn how to make them; and if we lower the bars and buy a few things instead of producing them, then the tenndency will grow and we will continue to buy and not make the budget with our own hand. A motto stated by President Barton sums it thus: Let us locally produce the budget in spite of the fact that we might not get the full number called for.

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M. I. A. ROAD SHOW

Oakland Stake M.I.A. Road Show winners announced at the April 18 Stake Leadership meeting by Lou Dean Grow, drama director, were: San Leandor ward, first place; Oakland ward, second; and Alameda ward, third.

Helen Noble was in charge of the San Leandro winning presentation included Cuban Dancers, featuring "Menana." Helen's dancers from the ward included two counselors of the Bishopric, the ward young men's president, Dan Bodily, and Senior Scout leader, Carl Condie.

Oakland Ward's second winning show featured a pageant of MIA activities, while Alameda's theme was their building project.

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SCOUTING

Twenty-one Senior Scouts representing wards of the Oakland Stake were guests of the San Leandro ward under Leader Carl Condie at the Elmhurst chapel, April 21. The young men attended regular mutual session, then met to see two sport films, another feature of their April work-hobby session.

After the films and after a brief talk by Dale Roe on sports as a hobby, that leads to a full-time job in swimming and lifesaving, etc., the boys were served chili, cookies and punch by Mrs. Carl Condie.

Other leaders present included M. C. Laird of Oakland ward; and Douglas Swanson of Dimond ward who provided the projector to show the films.

zMaxwell Park men announced their Junior Girl and Senior Scout party for May 11 and advised that the Stake is invited.

Plans for a scout get-together in May to feature a hot-dog feed, a horse-shoe and table tennis tournament and perhaps a dance were discussed.

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MIA LEADERSHIP MEET

W. LeGrand Maxwell of the MIA general board, and full time in charge of music in the MIA, was speaker at the April 18 Stake MIA leadership meeting in Dimond ward.

Tom Ferguson, Stake young men's president, at the leadership meeting thanked MIA workers in the stake and wards for their loyalty and for their work during the year.

Brother Maxwell stressed the importance of good leadership and good preparation, particularly in the field of music and added that leaders should aim for a pleasant personality and a high interesti in their work.

The Oakland ward chorus presented two numbers including "Let's Be Happy," a song in which Activity Counselor Darrel J. Monson "has an interest" and the Stake prize-winning song, "Our Beloved MIA."

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ROCK KIRKHAM COMES

Rock Kirkham, national director of L.D.S. service, Boy Scouts of America, will visit Stake leaders in this area the fore part of May to advise on Scouting and Senior Scouting programs in the Bay area stakes.

A meeting for all wards was held Friday, May 7 at 8 p.m., in the Dimond ward, for all Scout workers, bishopric and MIA representatives.

Friday morning, Scouter Kirkham met with executives of the Oakland Council Boy Scouts of America; Sunday he will meet with representatives from San Francisco stake in San Francisco.

No. California Welfare Region Divided In Two

What has been known as the Northern California Welfare Region has been divided into regions according to announcement at the regional welfare meeting held at Stockton, Monday, April 19, 1948. One will be known as the Northern California Welfare Region and will comprise the following stakes: the newly created Stockton stake, Sacramento stake, the Gridley and Reno stakes.

The other will be known as the San Francisco Area Welfare Region and will comprise the four stakes surrounding the San Francisco bay, that is, San Francisco and Palo Alto stakes, and Oakland and Berkeley stakes. Of this region J. Byron Barton, president of San Francisco stake, will be chairman, with W. Glenn Harmon, president of Berkeley stake, vice-chairman. W. Aird Macdonald, who has been the head of the old region will serve at least for the time being as chairman of the newly created Northern California region.

The new division is looked upon as a step in the right direction, since it will save travel, and simplify the handling of the regions welfare problems with a general increased efficiency.

Harold B. Lee attended the Stockton meeting at which this change was announced.

Besides Managing Director Lee there were present John Campbell, superintendent of canneries, and Donald B. Davis ,job placement director. Each directed a department. Regional R. S. Chairman Ruth S. Hilton was in charge of the Relief Society department. Further reorganization of the Northern California Region, it was finally announced, will be made at a special regional meeting called for May 22, at Sacramento at 2:30 p.m.

Another important item of the meeting was the final arrangement for the shipment of all regional surplus foods commodities to our saints in Europe. Besides the canned goods in Oakland, San Francisco, and Palo Alto stakes, it will include 221 sacks of split lima beans from Tracy, and 600 cases of canned peaches from Gridley. These commodities were shipped on the S.. S. Paraguay from San Francisco, May 3, to Antwerp, Belgium, to President Alma Sonne.

Discourses Of B. H. Roberts

Now comes a great new Church book, "Discourses of B. H. Roberts."

If you have never read one of the discourses of President B. H. Roberts, you have missed something, indeed. The younger Church members should know him as the author of the great "Comprehensive History of the Church," and the editor of the "Documentary History of the Church;" also as the gifted author of two volumes, now out of print, "New Wtiness for Christ and the Gospel."

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Delbert H. Rock

Elder Delbert H. Rock, given a splendid farewell in Berkeley ward February 25, 1948, has already arrived at Montivedio, Uruguay, where he has been assigned to labor. This is one of the great cities of the continent and has impressed "Dell" as a most wonderful place of beauty and magnitude.

Together with thirteen elders Brother Rock embarked on the boat at New York after a pleasant trip across the continent which allowed for some happy days of sight seeing enroute. Of the fourteen elders on the ship, two have entered the Brazilian Mission, two the Argentinian Mission, and the other ten the Uruguayan Mission which is the newest mission in South America. All the elders were good sailors, none being sick on the water, and all enjoying doing considerable missionary work among the passengers, everyone of which had some gospel conversations with the fourteen young men from Zion. By arrangement the elders held a most impressive fast meeting on Sunday in the ship's dining room.

Elder Rock raises to seven the number of fulltime missionaries afield from Berkeley ward. The others now abroad are Walter Scott Barrett, Western Staes; C. Reed Tolman, Australia; Wayne E. Mayhew Jr., France; J.Henry Crowther, England; David B. Cummings, New England States; and Gwynn Barrett, Central Atlantic States.

Claremont Ward

A grand time greeted all who attended the ward Gold and Green Ball, held at Codornices Club House, April 16. Highlighting the evening, of course, was the coronation of the Gleaner girl chosen to represent the ward as Queen. This stately honor was conferred upon Lois Hinkson, active and attractive Gleaner of the ward. Margaret Wells and Amelia Bird were her attendants with Barbara Jean Millward as train bearer and Andrew Carter as crown bearer. Bishop A. Seldon Millward performed the coronation.

A very successful MIA class year has come to an end—but the Mutual year has not yet terminated. There is more to follow! The officers and teachers of the organization are planning a variety of summer activities for all ages, including outings, sports, and cultural programs. You'll hear more about these soon.

The MIA fund has been increased considerably as a result o fthe fine cooperation of the ward members in participating in the pastry sales held after Mutual for several weeks. We want to express our heartfelt thanks to all of you who baked and bought.

Beautiful colored curtains with trees, flowers and bees exemplified the Bee-Hove Girls' Award Program which was given Tuesday evening, April 20, at the Claremont Chapel. This program embodied the highlights of the past months of Bee-Hive experiences in the form of skits, stories, music and song by our six Bee-Hive Girls: Janet Ellsworth, Pat Nalder, Enid Wood, Sandra Tucker, with Mary Ellen Carr and LaFrele Badouin as our Honor Bee-Hive Girls who have reached the highest status in the organization.

That proud look on Delmar Young's face and the happy smile Enid is wearing is their way of telling you the newest member in their family, and the future vocalist of the Claremont Ward, is a girl born to them on April 9, 1948. Little Miss Young will be known to you as Judith Anne.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Jensen's baby was blessed by Bishop A. S. Millward on April 25, 1948, and was given the name of Marsha Elaine. We'll be telling you more about Marsha Elaine in future years.

Attending April Conferences in Salt Lake City from the Claremont Ward were: Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Burdett, Mrs. Don C. Wood, Mrs. Earl Meine and Mr. and Mrs. Heber Ellsworth.

We are happy to see Joseph E. Wood attending our services once more after having been confined to the hospital for several weeks on account of an operation. "Joe" was recently advanced to the office of a High Priest.

Ray Karpus will be advanced to a Seventy at the next Quarterly Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harker have as their house guests Mrs. Ruth Quinton and her little daughter Linda, from Cardston, Alberta, Canada. Ruth is a cousin to Eva Harker and a sister to June Neilson. We have enjoyed Ruth's visit to the Claremont Ward during her stay here and hope she finds time to come again during her month's visit in the Bay Area.

Gefory Millward, who has been confined to his home for several months on account of illness, is getting around again and is able to attend Sunday school and see his friends again. —Grace Millward.

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Atheist Answered

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manmade scourges that afflict mankind Mr. Olson declares, "If there is an all-powerful God, he could prevent these evils. . . It is superficial to talk about the efficacy of prayer . . . Why were we not all made perfect in the perfect place." The obvious conclusion regarding this sort of reasoning ,said Elder Harmon, is that the person has not thought things through. Since God has in purpose the developing of man's growth through struggle against evil, what would be the result to the race of mankind if "God had made" all perfect in the beginning? God explained to Joseph Smith, in section 121, the puropses of affliction, and said that it was for the blessing of mankind; that it would give him experience necessary to his development.

Oakland Ward

Word received from some of our missionaries: News has been received from Dean and Ruhlon Ogden in their respective fields. Each boy has become branch president. Dean in Uruguay and Ruhlon in Argentina. We wish them success and happiness in their new work and are looking forward for further news.

We understand that Bob Nelson, who is loboring in Uruguay also, is undertaking a big job and is supervising all the Church sports activities there. Bob reports a great demand for the various sports and hopes that he will be able to fulfill the requirements. We wish him great success in his labors and hope to hear from Bob again soon.

Our Party closing the winter Mutual party was a successful and enjoyable one, as there were skits, speeches, readings, dancing and singing presented by the different groups of our M.I.A. Cake and ice-cream and group dancing was enjoyed by all. As this social event was brought to a close, the M.I.A. officers thanked everyone for helping to make the M.I.A. successful this year, and extended invitations to all to join in the summer activities.

Genealogy: A record of descent from some ancestor: This is one of the many interesting classes at Sunday School, and which has been under direction of Leone Dailey and Thelda Baker. We wish to thank them for their interesting and patient teaching; they now have been released to do Stake Genealogical work. Ollie Wall is now teaching the class; we all shall give her our cooperation in her new work, and urge everyone interested in geneology to please attend this vital work which should be done by all.

Our annual Aaronic Priesthood dinner, held on Wednesday, April 14, was planned by Joe Thorson and a very capable committee. Bishop Mauss presented the awards to the boys, the Chansonette Choir sang. Barbara Hart and partner danced and David Wissmar played his accordion. This event was closed with group dancing.

Bernadine M. Adams, TWinoaks 3-4861.

Napa Ward News

Recently the newly formed dance club of the Napa Ward held its second dance. This organization is made up of married couples in and around Napa and Fairfield. This lively group enjoyed themselves immensely in this second event. The hall was dressed up in full Hawaiian attire. The orchestra leader and members wore the Hawaiian Lei. In charge of the event were Brother and Sister Larry and Iva Lou Carter. Assisting were Mr. and Mrs. Miller, fine friends of the Napa Ward. Another event is being planned for June 11 in the Napa Ward Hall.

The Napa Ward recently acquired title to thirteen acres of ground upon which it is planned to build a new ward chapel. Plans are being drawn and construction should get under way soon. The property not used for a chapel site will be sold for building lots. The new site for the chapel is situated on an eminence east of the city. It is a majestic site overlooking the town.

A baby boy came to Brother and Sister Alford Johnson. These fine people are temporarily residing in Vallejo Ward. They are former members o fthe Napa Ward.

The following people attended the General Conference: A Verl Taysom of bishopric; Allan C. Woolley, T. E. Olive, Theodore Nightwine, Glenn Olive, Ruth Taysom, Donald Taysom, Helen Murdock and Brother and Sister Reed and Phyllis Keller.

The Napa Group of High Priests have completed their welfare assignment for the year with the production of 100 pounds of chicken. The chicken is being held in cold storage until such time as it is called for by the Stake Presidency. The prune assignment is being taken care of by the Elders' group. The Adult Aaronic Priesthood have accepted the assignment of 1000 pounds of honey. The Relief Society budget is well under way. These combined porjects, all well under way to completion, will complete the assignment of welfare commodities to the Napa Ward.

—Marie Nightwine.

Martinez Ward

Easter Sunday saw a record attendance for the Sunday school. Both the chapel and recreation hall were filled.

Sunday, April 11, an individual award program was held and 13 awards were presented to seven girls and six girls. It was also announced that the girls had earned two group awards and the boys one.

The Relief Society held a rummage sale April 24 to help meet part of the church building fund. Anyone interested may contact Edna Korth for the date of the rummage sale to be held in Concord very soon.

All priesthood quorums and many friends turned out Saturday, April 24, to pour the cap on the ward welfare building. There were about 40 men present. Due to the large number out, a full day of work was completed by noon. The Relief Society ladies provided the dinner.

Martinez ward lead the stake in ward teaching again. Their success is due to everyone cooperating. We pray for continued success in this work, that all may be united in furthering the Lord's work.

A recreation program has been held twice each month for all Mutual members at the Martinez Junior high school gym. The scouts have probably been best represented each time. Let's have more of it next year.

—Fern Mosier.

Shown above are two members of the new Vallejo Carquinez ward bishopric. Other members of the group were not able to be at the stake leadership meeting, and so could not be included in the photograph at this time. Right to left: Glenn V. Lowry, bishop, and his second counselor, Howard C. Hacking. Missing from the picture are first counselor, Reed S. Nelson, and ward clerk, Russell D. Roper.

Bishop Lowry is an accounting clerk with the Yuba Manufacturing Company of Benecia; Brother Nelson, a chemical engineer at the Selby smelter; while Elder Hacking is a welder at the same place.

Fairfield Branch

Patriarch Peterson and Bishop Murdock from Napa addressed Fairfield Saints on Sunday evening, April 18. Both speakers had inspiring messages and were greatly enjoyed. The following Sunday Bro. and Sister Allan Woolley came over from Napa and Bro. Woolley gave a detailed report on the Salt Lake Conference, while Mrs. Woolley spoke on the subject, "Faith."

Four members of the Napa genealogical society met with Fairfield members on Monday evening, April 19. Much good work was commenced and it is hoped that a larger group will be present at the next meeting.

An interesting Mother's Day program is being prepared by the Sunday school superintendency, and will precede the fast Sunday services.

Dickie Owen, 12-year old son of President and Mrs. Horace Owen, was ordained a deacon on Sunday, April 25.

The Primary association plans to enter a float in the Suisun-Fairfield rodeo parade Saturday, May 15. It will depict activities of the Primary-sponsored Children's hospital in Salt Lake City.

—Maxine Campbell.

Richmond Ward

Bishop Wightman officiated April 5 at the wedding of Linwood Jensen and Merilyn Bush. Pfc. Wallace Hopkins, who has enjoyed a 30-day leave has now reported back for duty at Salina, Kansas. Good fortune, Wallace.

Alta Jolly, our YL Mutual president, left May first to spend the summer at her home in Boulder City, Nevada. Alta has been an example of faithfulness in her duties. All hope she will return to us in the fall.

At the Richmond Gold and Green ball April 2, Barbara Passey was chosen queen. The theme for the dance and floor show was Hawaiian. A pretty exhibition dance was performed by Peter Gengler and Alta Jolly. This dance, a waltz, was written by Brother Gengler. It has seven variations and eighteen steps. Colored movies were taken and shown in MIA April 21.

April 30 was the date of the elders' party. The MIA presented their one-act play, "Soap Opera" for the occasion to the delight of everyone.

The ward festival was held May 5. A good turnout enjoyed the excellent program. April 28 the three-act play, "New Fires," was presented by MIA under the direction of Gloria Ellis. Every praise goes to Gloria and the whole cast.

A very important position in the ward, tho often not appreciated, is that of chairmanship of the Girls' committee, of which Nola Sullivan is now chairman. Her duty is that of a big sister to all the girls between the ages of 12 and 21. Altho this is the first year of this work in our ward, Nola has several girls ready for awards. Maria Firsyth and LaVaughn Briggs are counselors.

We think you would like to know Nola a little better. She is the daughter of Dean DeJong of the BYU, and the General Board MIA, and the wife of Clyde Sullivan who is a graduate student in psychology at Cal. Nola does outstanding work in the field of art, and her framed pictures are lovely. Nola has been attending U. C. part time. She is now working part time for the Richmond recreation department. She also handles LDS garments. It is delightful the way she performs her many duties with enthusiasm and efficiency.

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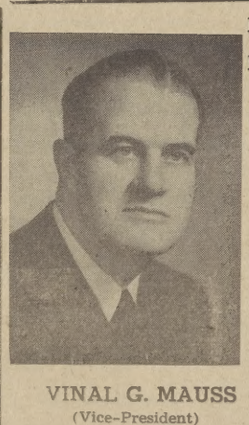
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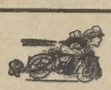
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Maxwell Pk. Ward

Our Gold and Green ball held April 13, was one of the very loviest affairs we have had. Betty Lou Thomas reigned as queen, with the Gleaner girls as attendants. Gary Boets and Earl Larsen, Jr., were the page boys and Marilyn Steward and Dee Dent, flower girls. The floor show presented before the queen was much enjoyed by all in attendance.

The Relief Society ladies are busy once a week at the welfare plant making rugs to complete our welfare assignment. We will also make some of these rugs to sell at our bazaar in the fall.

Those of you who missed the very inspirational talk by Brother Archie Inger at our sacrament meeting April 25, really missed a treat. Brother Inger told how he came to write his book, "The Rejected Crown." It was very inspirational to all in attendance and to those who have not yet read this book, we highly recommend it.

Are you ready for the "Galloping as you go" breakfasts? The Relief Society ladies are starting a series of breakfasts and you can never tell just when the car will drive up to your house to sweep you up and off to a delicious breakfast with some of our ward members. You must come just as you are, with 30 cents and have your breakfast. If you stop to primp or powder ,or refuse to go, it will cost you $1.00. The money is to go towards our building fund, so let's all cooperate. It will be lots of fun, too.

The Mutual had its closing party of the season Tuesday, April 27. A fine program with numbers representing each of the four cultural arts was presented. The bishop presented the mutual presidents with a check for $10., our share of the money taken in at the Road Show. Thank to all those who contributed, and to those who gave of their talents to make it a success. A dance followed, then ice cream cones to top it off. The opening social of the summer session was May 7. The Senior Scouts were hosts to a group at a disc dance. Watch for other important dates, as the Mutual has a very full and enjoyable season planned.

Have you submitted your slogan? Turn in your building fund slogans to Sister Beas Larsen as soon as possible and remember—it's your building fund. See that it grows. Feed it.

—Marjorie Hawkins. KE 3-3864.

Walnut Crk. News

Among those attending general conference in Salt Lake City were Mrs. Alice Everett, Primary president, and Bud Larsen and family. After conference Alice enjoyed a visit with relatives in Ogden, while Bud and family drove on to visit Idaho relatives. Brother Larsen gave an interesting and thorough report of the conference.

Walnut Creek branch is increasing rapidly. Sunday, April 25 was the largest regular Sunday school in the history of the branch, 113 being present. The Primary will hold its conference May 9 and and excellent program is scheduled. Much credit goes to the officers and teachers, as well as the children who are taking part. However, there are some of our children who are caused to miss the self-development that comes through the activities the Primary alone can give. All are cordially invited to come and receive the benefits.

Don't forget our next branch get-together the second Thursday in May.

—Jay Curtis. 5443 Springbrook Rd.

San Leandro Ward

Catherine K. H. Marsh. Reporter. TRinidad 2-3111.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is Love. Joy, Peace, Long-suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meeness, Temperance."

Our closing M.I.A. social and dance was held Wednesday, April 28. We enjoyed one of the largest attendances during the entire season and closed with a very outstanding program. We were honored to have in attendance our own Theresa Sims: Stake Activity Counselor.

Five dollars was presented from the Stake M.I.A. board in recognition of our ward placing first in the Road Show Extravaganza of recent date.

Orchids go to our Helen Noble, M.I.A., dance director, and her 'Cuban dance group of female impersonators for their excellent interpretation of the native dance of our South American neighbors. The artists were Bill Nelson, Dan Bodily, Elton Flaner, Tommy Noble, Carl Condie, Al Richardson, Newell Christensen and Ralph Sylvester.

From the proceeds of the Road Show Theresa Sims also presented to our building fund, a check for ten dollars from the Stake Board.

Other numbers on the program were: Community singing led by Sherline Webster, accompanied by Carol Davidson. Scout Bill Jackson, piano selections. Verna Condie, singing. Luasanne McCullow and Sheron Winters, Junior Girls, duet. Dancing and refreshments concluded the evening.

Our last program of the Special Interest Group wah highlighted on April 21st by our charming Ruth Savage Hilton, wife of our Stake President, presenting the subject "The Life and Ministry of the Savior," in her inspiring manner.

Attending our Junior Sunday School April 25, were three sets of twins: Vallery and Vickie Webster, Stephen and Stanley Corbridge and Jimmie and Johnnie Larsen.

At our Ward Gold and Green Ball held co-jointly with Elmhurst, our Queen candidates were May Wells and Carol Davidson, very active Gleaners, both the finest of young L.D.S. Womanhood.

The honor of representing us as queen at the Stake Gold and Green Ball fell to May Wells, with little Maxine Mae Beach, flower girl, and Georgann Williams, crown bearer.

Our Stake High Council spakers April 15 were President Rufus O. Phelps and Archie Inger who inspired us with their eloquently delivered inspired topics.

Wilford W. Nelson, our official representative from the Bishopric to the General Conference, brought to us an excellent and complete resume of the various sessions at our Sacrament meeting April 25th.

He was impressionably appreciative of the kindliness of our President George Albert Smith. Newell Christensen was also in attendance at conference and we enjoyed hearing from him a report of the Bishop's session.

Priesthood Ordinations: Lewis S. Williams, High Priest; Elton Flaner, Elder; Tommy Noble, Elder. The Elders' Quorum, a very active group of young men welcome their two brothers.

Our Ward Teaching has increased in activity this month, and we are looking forward to 100 per cent record in the near future.

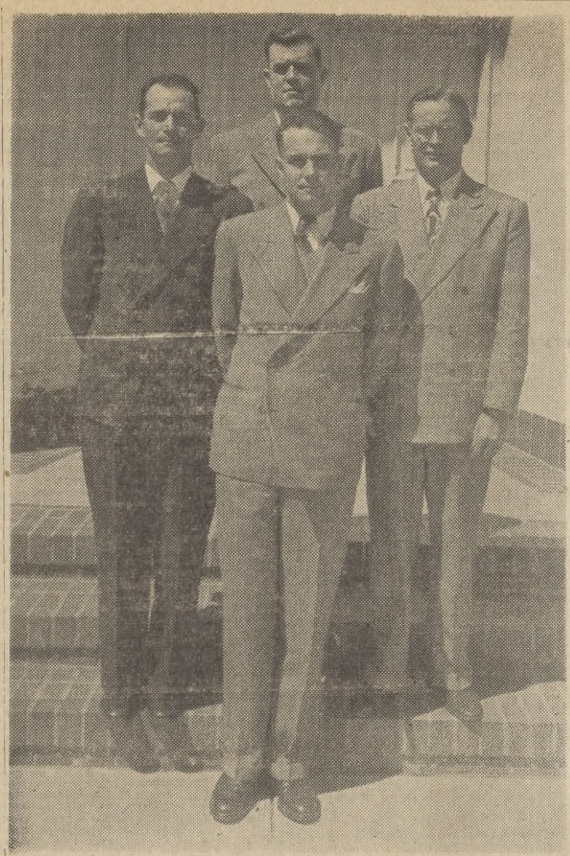
Spring is here, and we are happy to report that our welfare lot has been seeded. Enjoy health-toning by keeping in touch with our welfare project.

We are happy to announce the wedding of Marilyn Sims to Claude H. Lee on Easter Sunday in Utah. Marilyn was very active in our L.D.S. Girl group, M.I.A., Fireside, and a Junior Sunday School Teacher, and as Gleaner President. She is the daughter of Kenneth and Theresa Sims. The bride and groom anticipate a trip to San Leandro in the near future.

We extend a warm welcome to Doctor Le Grande Larsen and family, also Doctor Jones, both assigned to duty at Oak Knoll hospital, and at present living in our ward.

Catherine K. H. Marsh leaves the middle of May for a visit to Puerto Rico, with her sister, Isobel Hood and brother Edward W. Bowland, and their daughter, Isobel. The Bowlands were married in the Oakland Stake by President W. Aird McDonald, in 1930.

If you are not receiving the Messenger kindly report to our Bishopric.



Shown above is the bishopric of Vallejo's First Ward, being the same persons, with one exception, as the Vallejo bishopric existing at the time of the division and formation of the two wards in Vallejo. Left to right: Otto L. Matthews, 1st Counselor; Bishop Jack E. Johnson; upper center, Evan J. Powell, 2nd counselor; and Ward Clerk Wallace S. Wierman, lower center. Bishop Johnson is a bank teller; Bro. Matthews is heavey equipment mechanic at the Fairfield-Suisun air base; Elder Powell is civil engineer at Mare Island, while Clerk Weirman is a machinist at Mare Island.

The dividing line between the two new Vallejo wards is a line running east and west three and one-half blocks south of Tennessee street, that line being Springs Road and National Alley. Each ward will have about 500 members in approximately 200 families. Carquinez ward will be the south ward and will include Benecia, Rodeo and Crockett.

Harmony Hills

Our old and good friend, Wendell Grow, writes that they have now fully organized the San Juan Bautista Branch. This is the town next to Harmony Hills and takes it in. The present membership is 39 representing 11 families. All is going well, and the prospects are bright for the group there.

Wendell Grow has been sustained as president with Horace Topence as a counselor, and one to be announced soon. In the Sunday School is Merle Stanfield as superintendent with his counselors, Eldred Holdaway and Merlin Scott.

The Relief Society is organized with Mrs. Nina Topence as president, and Gladys Aston and Charlotte Holdaway as counselors. The priesthood leader is Willard Aston, and the chorister is William Hendershott.

Test Yourself On The Book Of Mormon

Allow yourself ten points for each of these ten questions. The answers appear immediately below, upside down. 90 to 100% is excellent; 80% good, 70% fair, 60% poor, below 60% very poor.

1.Name Nephi's older brother who was faithful to him.

2. & 3 Name two of Nephi's older brothers who were rebellious.

4. & 5. Name the two younger brothers of Nephi.

6. Name the man who was forced by Nephi to leave Jerusalem.

7. Name the family that left Jerusalem willingly with Nephi and his brothers.

8. Whose sword did Nephi take into the wilderness with him?

9. The brass plates contained much scriptural writing which is known to the modern world as.....

10. Name Lehi's wife.

Answers: 1. Sam; 2. & 3. Laman and Lemuel. 4. & 5. Jacob and Joseph. 6. Zoram. 7. Ishmael's family. 8. Laban's. 9. Old Testament. 10. Sariah.

Oakland Stake Calendar For May

May 11—Maxwell Park junior girl and senior scout party; stake invited.

May 12—Dimond ward award night.

May 14—Elmhurst ward three-act play. Stake invited.

May 18—Stake Relief Society presentation at Oakland ward.

May 19—Gleaner Girl Banquet and election dinner at Elmhurst.

May 21—Dimond ward Relief Society event.

May 25—Stake MIA speech festival at Dimond ward.

May 28—M Men and Gleaner disc dance; Oakland ward.

June11—Stake Muic Festival, Oakland Ward.

June 11—Stake social.

June 22—Stake meeting for 1948-49 calendar preparations.

June 25—Stake dance; dance festival preparations.

June 26, 27—Oakland stake conference at Oakland ward.

July 9—Oakland stake social.

Third Saturday of each month: Stake seventies meeting at Dimond ward.

Fourth Sunday of each month, 2:30 p.m.: Stake and ward priesthood leadership meetings, Dimond ward.

Other May events which will be reported in the next Messenger were: May 1, Stake Beehive swarm day; two May 4th events, Stake MIA elections and entertainment, and junior girls and mothers' entertainment; May 5th, Gleaner girl elections and entertainment.

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Berkeley Stake News

Berkeley Stake May festivals are scheduled for showing in the Berkeley Ward recreational hall and Chapel on May 7, 14, and 22, each evening's program to begin at 8:00 p. m.

Speech and Music Festivals were combined and held on Friday, May 7th, with participants from nearly every ward in the stake. The theme of the combined festivals is evolved around "One World" and included many of the favorite stories and folklore of the countries of the world, both in song and speech. These festivals are under the direction of Mary Russell Burton ,Stake MIA Music Stake MIA Speech Director.

The Drama Festival, scheduled for presentation Friday, May 14, will offer two fine one-act plays: "Scrambled Eggs" and "Soap Box Opera." These plays are offered by Claremont and Richmond Margaret Gibson, Drama Director of Claremont Ward, and Gloria Ellis ,Drama Director of Richmond Wards. Both plays are clean and wholesome comedies, well produced and a good example of accomplishments of the MIA in this field.

On Saturday, May 22, the Stake Dance Festival will be presented under the direction of Merle Ballantyne and Marlton Simmons, Dance Directors for the YWMIA and YMMIA, respectively. The program outlined by these capable directors, contains representative folk dances of most of the European countries. Each ward of the stake will be represented in the presentation and advance information indicates a most excellent and entertaining performance.

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May 15th—Bee Hive Swarm Day.

May 15th—M Men and Gleaner party at East Richmond Ward.

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STAKE RELIEF SOCIETY

The month of May, being a month of festivals in Berkeley Stake, finds the Relief Society Stake Board busily preparing for its Music Festival to be presented on Friday evening, May 21st at 8:00 o'clock in the Berkeley Ward Chapel. Each Ward is proud of its Singing Mothers' Chorus, and on this particular evening all choruses in the Stake will be combined into one big chorus to blend their voices in a program of lovely music. Also, there will be numbers sung by individual choruses. The Festival is under the direction of Almeda Neilson, Stake Music Director, with Grace Boyack as accompanist.

Soloist for the evening will be violinist Dick Mower, who will be accompanied by Helen Clovis. In addition to the beautiful music, the aduience will be delighted by a group of readings to be given by our talented Fern McCord.

For this unusually fine evening of music and entertainment a silver offering will be accepted, for the benefit of the Relief Society Building soon to be erected in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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SECOND QUORUM OF ELDERS

The recreation furnished by the Second Quorum of Elders for its members is par excellence, as evidenced by the party they enjoyed on Friday evening, April 30, in the Richmond Ward Chapel. Their wives were invited ,as well as members of the Adult Aaronic Priesthood and their wives. The evening started at 7:00 o'clock with dinner. Immeriately following dinner, a group of young people of Richmond Ward presented a fine half-hour play. Thereafter followed an hour and a quarter of interesting color-sound movies, furnished by the P. G. & E.; three separate movies entitled "Sutter's Empire," "Hydro," and a third was a "study of bacteria"—all three being color pictures.

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● Such fine recreation has put the Elders of the Second Quorum in good shape, morally, physically, and spiritually, to accept the responsibility of the assignment just given them by the Stake Presidency; that of "night-watching" the building that is to be dismantled in Richmond to obtain construction materials for the Stake Warehouse. Members have expressed their willingness to cooperate in every way possible. The Quorum will call on members of the High Priests, the Seventies, and Adult Members of the Aaronic Priesthood to help. As soon as government materials are cleared out, guard and watch will be placed over the building both day and night.

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STAKE MISSION

Varied and stimulated interest is evidenced among those who attend the special class being held, for investigators and anyone else interested, every Sunday morning in the Berkeley Ward Chapel, under the capable leadership of the missionaries of the Ward, and immediately Bro. Ariel A. Andersen, and Bro. Alfred Cardwell. A most interesting and inspirational series of lectures and discussions on The Apostasy has just been completed by Bro. Elwood F. Meredith. The next subject to come for discussion will be The Reformation, to be given by Bro. Owen K. Walton beginning Sunday, May 9. Following that will be The Restoration, by Bro. Eugene J. Gibbs. There is indeed much food for thought being given for members and non-members alike in these very fine meetings.

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L.D.S. GIRLS' COMMITTEE

On Saturday evening, May 8th, in the Berkeley Ward Chapel will be held the annual Youth Banquet. It is a joint affair of the Aaronic Priesthood and L.D.S. girls—all boys and girls and young people in the stake, between the ages of twelve and twenty-two, are invited to attend. A fine supper and interesting program is promised for everyone in attendance .

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PRIMARY

● All ward Primaries wil lbe holding their Spring Conference programs on Sunday evening, May 9th, and, as usual, a real treat is in store for everyone who witnesses the various programs—the fruits of the diligent labor of the scores of hard-working Primary officers and teachers in the wards and stake. Martinez Ward held their Confernece program on Sunday evening, April 25.

● The Stake Primary Board will honor graduating Primary boys and girls Saturday evening, May 29 at 8:00 o'clock p.m., in the Berkeley Chapel. All parents and friends are invited.

● The Berkeley Stake Primary Board was hostess to the Oakland Stake Primary Board on Monday, April 26th, to hear reports on the April Primary Convention in Salt Lake City. There will be a special Primary Leadership meeting for all Primary workers, on Friday, May 14th, to give instructions for Summer Primary.

Most Interesting H. P. Meeting Held

The regularly quarterly meeting of the Berkeley stake High Priest's Quorum, held at Vallejo, Thursday, April 22, 1948, for the members and their wives was both well attended and instructive. But it was well spiced with the elements that create interest which in this case were life interest stories of living high priests, music well rendered, and the thrilling spirit in inspiration.

Conducted pleasantly by counselor Fred Anderson, the program first presented short, catchy biographies of members present. These proved to be most unusual and revealing ,showing how little we each know of the interesting life experiences of the other fellow whom we meet with Sunday after Sunday. But these sealed books of life were partly opened and cleverly scanned for the following high priests: Judson Stoddard of Richmond, by Dell Carmen, whose paper was well read by Ernest Bourne; ohn Hangartner of Clairmont ward, by E. N. Gleason; Arthur L. Hopkins of East Richmond, by Bishop Bryant Knowlton; and William T. Hicken of Berkeley, by Heber C. Russell.

After two solos in the grand style by Burdis Case of Richmond, who possesses an outstanding basso voice, and a few remarks by President Harmon, Emery R. Ranker of the stake presidency spoke on the proper performance of the various ordinances, such as blessing babies, confirming, anointing with oil, conferring the priesthood, and dedicating graves. In the remarks President Ranker contrived to thrill the audience with the deep conviction of the inspiration that does come to those who perform these ordinances in the spirit of prayer and humility, adding, "there is no greater joy that can come to the human heart than when one feels this inspiration pouring through him in the discharge of duty in the spirit of purity and contrition."

Idea Exchange

Last month the Messenger launched an experiment in idea sharing—a search for constructive suggestions which most of us let die because we don't know what to do with them.

While it is true that most good ideas will eventually break forth into reality, this process may take years and perhaps incalcuable benefits will have been lost. We would like to speed up this process.

We do not guarantee that any idea will be published or adopted but all will receive careful consideration and referral to some person or organization most likely to be able to explore its possibilities. We hope that no one will feel frustrated if what appears to be a magnificient idea is not immediately adopted and put into practice—this inertia which opposes new and good ideas also hinders undesirable ideas and the good ones should have enough drive behind them to eventually win out.

Because of space limitations, published ideas will have to be edited. Credit will be given to the person and ward unless contributor does not care to be named. The nine ideas that follow are representative of the kind of constructive suggestions we seek. For further examples see page six of the April Messenger.

1. At the beginning of testimony meetings there is often an awkward, embarrassed silence which is finally broken by someone who says, in effect, "I hated to just sit here and let this precious time go to waste." If it were announced that there would be a few minutes at the beginning of the meeting set aside for meditation, every person present could bear silent testimony to God and review in tranquility what they have to be thankful for. After three or four minutes, as the person presiding feels appropriate, he could start the sharing of testimonies, perhaps, by bearing his own.

2. It is probable that every ward has inactive members living within its boundaries of which there is no record. It is important for relatives and friends to bring this information to the attention of the ward clerk. Some ward teachers have done a fine job of discovering these people. Another way would be to occasionally pass around pencil and paper in the Sunday school classes requesting such information.

3. New chapels should have a specially designed nursery with such things as a sink, bottle warmer, cribs, storage space for toys, etc. If each mother would take a turn at caring for the infants, no one would be burdened and many would not feel oblized to remain at home during this period when children are small.—Nola Sullivan, Richmond ward. (Several have suggested the need for a soundproof room where mothers can sit with their young children. A glass partition would enable them to see the stand and a loudspeaker would carry the service to them. Perhaps virtues of both of these ideas could be combined into one room.)

4. One of the prime factors to consider before purchasing a lot for a new chapel is to insure adequate parking space; either a special parking lot or sufficient street space. The parking situation is very bad in our ward and people seem to use this as an excuse for not attending church.—Marcel F. Lauper, San Leandro ward. (A parking lot might serve other purposes, as a basketballe court.)

5. Some person in each ward should be given the responsibility of maintaining an up-to-date record of the abilities, talents, and interests of each member, including a list of church positions held at present and in the past. Then bishops and auxiliary heads would be aided in the choosing of officers and teachers and more people might be given the opportunity to serve. —Lenore Wood, Claremont ward.

The following unidentified contributions were submitted:

6. A directory of goods and services provided by LDS members would be welcomed.

7. The stake should coordinate and encourage temple excursions from the various wards.

8. A minstrel show or vaudeville would be fine entertainment and could help support our building program.

9. Members of the bishopric should not address each other by first name before the congregations as is frequently done in some of the wards.

If any of the material published in the Idea Exchange is adopted or modified for use in the wards, such information will be appreciated and acknowledged. We also welcome ideas which have already been tried out with success and which could be shared with other wards. Address all communications to the Idea Exchange c/o Gordon Beckstead, 5718 Huntington Ave., Richmond, or call LAndscape 5-5016.

E. Richmond Ward

The Relief Society of the East Richmond ward are happy that they have paid in full their quota of the building fund for the beautiful new Relief Society building in Salt Lake City.

The elders' quorum gave a dinner for all the elders and their wives and adult Aaronic members and wives. Additional entertainment was a play given by Richmond ward under the direction of Sister Phillipps. Also a movine picture.

Two new members of the ward: A daughter born March 17 to Bro. and Sister James Richardson; a son born April 11 to Bro. and Sister Fred Chester.

The Mutuals held a closing party of the season, April 27. A large crowd enjoyed a fine program, followed by an evening of folk dancing. Great credit goes to Donna Haddock for the success of the folk dancing and the interest taken by the younger group. Part of the program was the ceremony of awards for the young girls' group, led by Sister Hilda Cheek. Four individual awards were given: to Marjorie Haddock, Donna Haddock, Ina Hopkins and Dixie Brough.

Congratulations are to be extended to the officers of the Mutuals: the young ladies' presidency: Lola Taylor; Helen Finell, Clair Engle; the young mens' presidency: Leonard Bradeson, Allen Shea, Donald Swan; and to all the other officers and teachers for their splendid work.

Troop 131 of the Boy Scouts re-registered April 13, with Scoutmaster Gordon Gross and Chairman Phillip Lewis in charge. Seventeen boys re-registered. A board of review was held April 22. The following scouts were up for review: Donald Gross, Robert Wilson, Earl Van Wagner and Eugene Engle.

—Ethel B. Dietliker, LA 5-9508.

VISITING IN ALASKA

Hilda E. Perkins, president of the Stake Relief Society, and her husband, Anson G. Perkins, have gone to Anchorage, Alaska, to visit their son, Dr. Evan Perkins, a practicing physician there. Dr. Evans, formerly a Dimond ward member, interned at the U. C. hospital in San Francisco and later served at Permanente hospital.

THE PROPHET'S LOVE FOR GEORGE A. SMITH

At the close of our conversation, Joseph Smith wrapped his arms around me and pressed me to his bosom and said, "George A., I love you as I do my own life." I felt so affected I could hardly speak."

—Biography of George A. Smith.

Institute News

The BIG NEWS for Lambda Delta Sigma this last month was the engagement announcements of three of its members. Harold Babcock and Betty Sanders, both of this chapter, became engaged. Betty is from San Bernardino and Harold from Redlands. Both have been active in the group for some time. Over the week end of April 24, Richard Smith travelled to Los Angeles to give an engagement ring to Doris Barber, the former president of Lamda Delta Sigma at the University of Southern California. The chapter from USC came up to the football game last fall and Dick and Doris met at the Institute in Berkeley, and it is our guess that both couples will be claiming membership in the married couples' chapter at the Institute soon. Nu Chapter (married couples) is always growing at the expense of the other chapters.

We have not mentioned before that officers of the married chapter are Delmar Young, president; Marjorie Halverson, vice-president; Gene Poll, secretary, and Gene Jacobs, treasurer This chapter has planned a family picnic on the 31st of May. Also on the night of the next stake conference, they are to have a meeting at the Institute at which Dr. Lipsky, an expert on Russia from the University, will address the group.

The national convention of Lambda Delta Sigma was held at the time of the April General Conference in Salt Lake City. Dick Poll, George Boyd, Jeannine Coombs, Don Merrill and Lewis Skancky represented us there.

Our semi-annual sweetheart ball will be held on the 21st of May. Needless to say, we expect it to be as fully as good as the last two.

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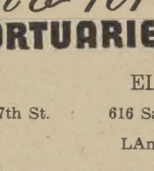

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Elmhurst Ward

At sacrament meeting April 18 awards were presented by Sister Dorothy Jacobs to nine members of the L.D.S. Girls' group for worthy achievements. Certificates were presented to three deacons, three teachers, and three priests by Adrian Schipper, Truman Nethercott and Mylan Healy, and quorum awards to these same priesthood groups by James J. Muir.

April 20 the Special Interest group had as their speaker special agent, Warren R. Hearn, of the San Francisco office of F.B.I., a most educational and interesting talker. Darlene Blake gave a very clever demonstration of her dancing puppets, Pete and Repete. May 21 a Springro dinner dance and floor show will be offered by a special committee for all the ward but reservations should be made early. Contact now Nellie Anderson LO. 8-2606, for details. Sister Anderson is to be congratulated for the enthusiasm she has put into this successful class. She hopes that everyone will come to the many social events planned for the summer season.

At a well-spent evening was the closing party of MIA. A variety group from Berkeley High School presented wonderful performances consisting of a dance team, a magician, whistler a vocalist, accordion duet, and a humorous monologue. General dancing and and refreshments were also enjoyed.

The Elmhurst Fireside, I Ray Darton assisting, have spent many enjoyable evenings at the homes of various ward members, and many are to come according to reports from President Joanne Nelson. . . . Bishop Shaw's report, April 25, of his visit to General Conference was impressive and inspiring.

We welcome to ward membership in Elmhurst: Gertrude Eschon, Phillip Rude, Patricia Reed, Edward and Amy Bruerton, and family, Hattie McFadden, Marjorie Bennett, Theodore Robinson and family, and also to Elsie Polock, and De Vernon Langdon who were baptized April 4, last.

Funeral services were held April 25 for Sister Rachel Brown. Grandma Brown was loved by everyone and will be greatly missed. Our sympathy is extended to her family of eleven children, sixty-seven grandchildren, and fifty-one great-grandchildren.

—Daisy Cox, TRin. 2-7009.

Pittsburg Ward

Easter Sunday morning, 1948. The date will long stand out as one of the most memorable in the history of Pittsburg ward.

Not the rain, nor the bleakness, nor the cold daunted the hearts of Pittsburg Saints as a record crowd of 219 came to fill the seats of the new chapel and listen to the first services.

Knowing that this humble little chapel was ours to use as we see fit and as often as we want, was a thrill that few attempted to put into words. Nor has the thrill of that Easter morning worn off, for it is an experience of great joy each time the chapel doors open and another service begins.

The future holds a great deal for Pittsburg ward in the way of hard work in making it one of beauty and usefulness. Pittsburg townspeople will one day point with a good deal of pride to this "Mormon chapel."

For sometime now, due to inadequate facilities, Pittsburg has had no Primary except the one existing in the Brentwood branch. However, since the newly acquired chapel can be used for a meeting place, a Primary is being set up and Berma Maughan has been named president. She will complete her organization shortly.

The MIA will carry on an extensive summer program at Columbia park every Tuesday evening. A ping pong tournament is being planned along with dancing, games and a class in current events led by qualified people from the ward and the town. All members of Mutual age are invited to participate. —Gloria Magleby.

Hayward Ward

April 28 the MIA held a lovely closing social of dancing and refreshments. Pres. Delbert F. Wright and wife were present. Although the winter MIA is closed, some departments have elected to continue during the summer. The special interest group led by Clifford Johnson will continue discussing "Establishing an LDS home"; The girls' chorus under Edythe Rosenkranz and the Boy Scouts will also go forward each week. Every other Tuesday there will be folk dancing for everybody.

Our aged sister, Lucy White, died Sunday, April 25, at the home of her daughter, Mary Stewart. She had lived a heroic pioneer life, largely in Arizona; was the mother of eight children, six of them living; 27 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. Funeral services were held April 28, Ruth Hilton relating personal stories of the deceased, and Brother Ball speaking the funeral sermon.

Alan Slattengren and Delores Day were married April 23 and will make their home in Hayward.

The genealogical society will take an excursion to the San Francisco library May 8. A stake worker will be present to help those attending.

Primary conference was held Sunday, May 2, the theme being, "My Happiness Rainbow." Primary is to continue during the summer. The ward rejoices with Bro. and Sister McFadden in that their new home is so nearly complete that they will soon move in. The best of everything to the McFaddens.

Fireside was reorganized with Alfred Dye as president, Norma Loomis, vice-president; Beverly White, secretary-treasurer; Movel Day, instructor.

Brother and Sister Johnson held a family reunion of the Anderson family. About 25 were present. Two of our ward members are to undergo serious operations in the near future. Berthan R. Pray and Fontelia Meecham have our blessings.

We are very proud of Vera Crockett. She has three flower arrangements in the great Oakland spring flower show.

—Mrs. Robert Livingston, LU. 1-2499.

REMARKABLE GENEALOGICAL MANIFESTATIONS RETOLD

(continued from page 2)

this time she shook me out of my self-complacency entirely, for she told me how deeply disappointed she was in me as a professed friend. She repeated that I knew how important it was for her to have her endowments in order for her to progress; that she was held back, and that she could not therefore longer call me her friend. Her eyes, how ever, seemed to burn themselves into my very conscience, and I could not escape them, for altho her person seemed to recede, her eyes seemed to burn as close and clear as at first, insomuch that in terror I cried, "Mary, don't look at me like that, and I will go and do the work for you.' So crying out with all my energy, I awakened myself and lay there sleepless until I heard mother stirring downstairs.

"Hurrying down, I related the frightening dream to mother. She was calm, and turning to me she again asked if I still would persist in marrying out of the Church? Although I was still resolute on that point, I declared that I was going into the temple as Mary requested, for, said I, 'I cannot stand another visit like the last'.

"'But,' said mother, 'you cannot do the work for Mary until you have secured the necessary data from her parents, and you should ask for cooperation.' Thereupon I called Mary's mother by phone, giving her a brief sketch of the dreams, and stating my desire now to go to the temple for Mary. When I asked if she would cooperate she heartily replied that she would be more than glad to do so, for, she said, Mary has also appeared to her in three dreams and in each case had asked with increasing persistent solemnity that she should call me and urge me to do some work in the temple for her, though how that work could benefit the dead girl was anything but clear to the mother. Therefore she had neglected to contact me. Now she was relieved to think that the requests could be granted.

"The part of this story as far as Mary is concerned is now told, for of course I did the endowment work for Mary within a few days of the last dream. But the story, oddly enough, now turns to the parents of Mary who, you will remember, up to this time, were ardent Presbyterians .In the course of a year or two Mary's father died. After several months had passed the phone rang one day in our home, and Mary's mother was on the other end of the line making a most surprising request. She explained that she had had three dreams in which her dead husband had appeared to her asking that she call my father, who, by the way, was Bishop Lyon, and see if he would go into the temple and have baptism and endowment work done in his behalf. She stated that she had not done as requested in the two former dreams because she thought they were perhaps mere idle dreams, but in the last dream her husband had been very insistent, and for very fear she felt she could no longer defer phoning to us. She further said that her husband had explained that he was held back until the temple work had been don fore him; in fact, that he could not go where he wished because he would appear as one without clothing at all. And to make her realize the situation that he would be in without the temple clothing he actually showed himself momentarily nude, following this with further commands made to her as his wife that she no longer hesitate to ask that the temple work be done in his behalf.

"When Mary's mother had finished her narration of the strange dreams she had had, I told her that while my father no doubt would be willing to do this work for her husband, however, it was customary for some friend, if not relative, to act as proxy. She followed my suggestion and had the work done by the next door neighbor, a L.D.S., who was a friend of the deceased husband."

When Mrs. Ash had at last completed her story of Mary and her father we all were left to marvel at the sense of realism regarding the next life and the vital part our temple work holds in that realm. While we all sat thus, the Baptist lady leaned upon the table towards Mrs. Ash and said, "Mrs. Ash, there is just one question that I would like to ask you now. You haven't said anything about Mary's mother, and what happened to her." "Oh, yes," replied Mrs. Ash, "I forgot to mention that she is now the president of the Relief Society in her ward in Salt Lake City. Of course, that means that she accepted the Gospel, and was herself baptized." At this the Baptist lady was even more aghast. I have often wondered what has happened to her, for she held the Ashs in the highest esteem and could scarcely doubt any further the truth of what she had now heard.

There is still a last question that always comes up when I have completed the story above narrated. If it be at a meeting some one is sure to come up and tell me that I forgot to tell them whether Mrs. Ash ever married that nonmember as she intended to do. The answer, I think, is obvious, for Doctor Ash is an ardent temple worker. She gave the other young man up, and later met and married Alma, who had been born and reared in the Church. They have a lovely family, and now live in southern California.

Oakland Stake Bulletin, Calendar

A semi-monthly Oakland stake bulletin and mimeographed calendar have grown out of the need of stake mutual workers for up-to-the-minute bulletins.

Suggestions for a name for the bulletin and other ideas as to items of value which could be included and which would serve to better the bulletin will be welcomed by publishers Darrel J. Munson and Theresa Sims, respecive MIA activity counselors.

Coming out twice a month, the bulletin provides an opportunity for stake and ward MIA workers to keep up with events and to read current reports from stake and wards.

Another greatly appreciated publication is Darrel's up-to-the-minute calendar which makes possible better planning for all stake events.

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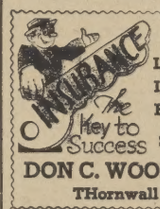

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Liahona Club News

Perhaps the most specifically interesting and beneficial talk presented to the Liahona club in recent months was given by J. Hunter Clark at the April 26 dinner meeting at the Coit hotel. Introduced by Vice-President Curtis Bybee, Mr. Clark, an Industrial Engineer and labor relations specialist displayed a large graph showing the consumer cost of living in the U. S. since 1914. By means of this chart and many personal stories of his actual procedures in settling labor-management wage-raise discussions Mr. Clark drove home his first point, namely, that the increased cost of living is not two or three times what it was before the war, but actually less than double the price index for that time. Wage adjustments made on the basis of these Bureau of Labor Statistics are defensible and generally acceptable to labor and management he finds, when properly presented to both sides.

The second major point of the address was that there exists an almost exact similarity of graph lines showing cost of living (all items, not just food), before, during, and after World War I, and World War II. On this similarity he feels safe in predicting that a drop in cost of living will be in full swing by July, 1948, and that the drop will level out again by mid-1949, giving a normal period of prosperity ahead.

Members expressed the feeling that that one talk had been worth to them many times their club dues for years to come.

The Liaihona club roster will go to press June 1. All please note.

Ladies' night will be featured May 24 at the Coit Hotel. Notice of intention to attend should be given so accomodations will be assured. Contact special committee, A. D. Erickson, Don Allphin and Art Bliss. A fine surprise program will be presented, guaranteed to please one and all.

Wm. H. Evans was appointed chairman of a special committee to report on ways and means for setting up youth recreation centers for our boys and girls.

The joint Oakland-Berkeley Stakes' Gold and Green Ball, held in the Scottish Rites Temple, Oakland, April 23, 1948, proved one of the most beautiful and pleasant of these annual socials in east bay history. The ward queens shown in our picture represent the best in Gleaner Girl womanhood, in features and in character. Against the background of flowered arch and graceful drapes and framed by the stately lines of the proscenium, these comely maidens in their lovely gowns and with ribboned bouquets ,were truly delightful to behold, the best in M.I.A.

Gem Thoughts

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man more by taking selfishness out of the heart; this is a sick world and the Gospel is the only cure. Be enthusiastically engaged in the service of God. The peace of God comes through repentance and righteous living. The U. S. Constitution is just as much from the Lord as are the Ten Commandments. These who hear the Gospel and reject it will not have another chance to enter the Celestial Kingdom. We were told at the conference that we eat too much meat.

Life is made up of many little things, which, when put together like the little pieces of colored glass, make a beautiful life.

(From Remarks of President D. F. Wright)

Old oriental saying, "If there is righteousness in the heart, there is beauty in the character there is harmony in the home; if harmony in the home, there is order in the nation; if order in the nation, there is peace in the world".

The rewards of service are not only for lenght of service but for quality and spirit of it. We can't live alone; we must serve one another. Go about our assignments with smiling face, happy heart, eager spirit, and you will be blessed.

(From Remarks of Elder A. E. BOWEN)

"Have you young people of today the courage to cleave fast to that old-fashioned belief which Jesus said would save men?" was the question put to the youth of today at the Sunday evening session of the April 11, Oakland stake conference by Albert Bowen of the Council of Twelve Apostles.

"You may not have to give up your homes for your beliefs, but you will face times that will try you just the same.

"You young people will come face to face with situations wherein you will be derided for the simple faith of your fathers; you will be told that belief doesn't make much difference, and that you can accomodate your beliefs to the passion of the hour so that you will not be thought different.

"The gospel is either true or isn't true," he pointed out, and if it is true, then its your most precious possession and you cannot afford to trifle with it."

Jesus knew that we couldn't compel righteousness, and he set out to win willing compliance, advised Elder Bowen. The strength of spirit which was so full in Christ and which was carrier over by his disciples, made possible the growth of Christianity and an overcoming of the tyranny of the world, so that in only a few hundred years the world was willing to accept Christ.

(Pres. Hilton's Remarks)

Oakland Stake President Eugene Hilton opened the evening session, stressing the need to increase our knowledge and testimony, and as LDS to stand before the world without equivocation knowing that our Church was established by revelation.

We should have a grateful spirit of sincerity due to the fact that the gospel of Jesus Christ has actually been restored to the earth, he pointed out.

The perfections of the gospel, however, are not reached in one bound; some of the important steps, President Hilton explained, are: knowledge, repentance, baptism, reception of the Holy Ghost and service, including teaching and temple work.

Wilfred W. Snyder of the Oakland stake high council, stressed the importance of holding a strong personal testimony, especially for the young people.

Rufus O. Phelps, also of the Oakland stake high council, emphasized the importance of looking beyond material things and said we cannot serve two masters. We must keep the commandments.

Conference Briefs

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cannot longer defend pure materialism."—Robert G. Larsen.

"We must continue to build up a stronger fraternalism in our quorums. We ceretainly should not be outdone in this matter by outside fraternal organizations."—Stephen L. Richards.

"One Utah man yet in his twenties, who had converted 34 people while on his mission and six since coming home, said that in visiting saints or non-members he told them he did not have time to talk of small matters or anything except the gospel of Jesus Christ."—Stephen L. Richards.

"When LDS can set the example by living the Gospel, investigators will come to us from all over the earth to learn how we do it."—Elder Richards.

"The Christian world have fine desires; they like great music, and ceremony, sermons and cathedrals but when it comes to individual testimonies, man's working out his salvation, incorporating the principals of Truth in his life, the exactions of the Truth are too heavy and onerous for them."—Elder Richards.

"Fifty thousand men still hold the Aaronic priesthood; another 14,000 men born in the Church hold no priesthood, while still another 5,000 of ages 14-21 also hold no piresthood, nearly 70,000 in all. In our own stake we have 400 members of the adult Aaronic priesthood. I have resolved to try to bring at least one of these back into activity this year, and I hope you all will similarly resolve and do."—Wayne E. Mayhew.

"Free agency used in harmony with Truth suffers no restraint or penalty; but free agency used contrary to Truth leads to trouble. Who today enjoys the greater liberty, Joseph Smith or his murderers; the pioneer saints or their persecutors? By keeping the law we are free and full of light and joy."—Emery R. Ranker.

Few attendants at the Conference in Berkeley realized that there was in another part of the building about 100 persons meeting together both morning and afternoon sessions. It was the nursery, conducted this month by the Pittsburg ward, Sister Gladys Davis being in charge, with eight young ladies helping her. This is a great service, and the wards rotate in charge.

Enjoyed at the conference were some beautiful remarks by Joseph Eyring, Annette Woods, Louise Knight, Elwood F. Meredith, and Wanda Hilton. The Messenger simply has not space for half the good things enjoyed at the conference.

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